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In re Patent Application of:  
Karsten Beck et al.

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For: VALVE METAL-OXIDE POWDER AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAID POWDER

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Examiner: J. Fiorito

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated January 6, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Pending Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.